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Does anyone have any other sources of history of Woofle Dust?
Who was the first person to actual use this concept?
And why the word "Woffle"?

Early uses of the word in print are:

1926 the original mail order version of the Tarbell Course of magic. As part of the patter in lesson 2, within the "MYSTERY OF THE BURNING CIGARETTE" routine, Tarbell writes, "Sometimes I weight it down with a little Magic 'Woofle Dust.'"

Sphinx, September, 1929 page 240, Everett Murphy mentions "woofle-dust".

Sphinx, May 1932, page 99, Roennau mentions "foo foo powder or woofle dust"

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Dead woofles?

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That is funny!

Bill Palmer

Posted: Jul 18, 2013 05:52 am — likes: 0

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Evidently, before vacuum cleaners became a commonplace household appliance, largely due to the efforts of door-to-door salesmen, woofles were far more plentiful than they are now. Due to their unusual surface texture and their tendency to capture dust particles, woofle dust was also much more commonplace than it is now. Since the particles are quite small (unless, of course, there has been a rather large amount of moisture in the air, causing them to clump) they are practically invisible.

So, all the beginning magician needed to do was to shake the dust off a few woofles, catch the resulting "fallout" in a paper bag, and he was in business, so to speak.

"The Swatter"

Founder of CODBAMMC

My Chickasaw name is "Throws Money at Cups."

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theconjuror

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Posted: Sep 21, 2013 09:41 pm likes: 0

I rememebr the first time I've seen a magician use 'woofle dust'. He pulled out a toy squeeker and squeezed it a few times over the effect he was performing. Funny I remember that...

MagicMattMan

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Posted: May 3, 2014 03:28 am likes: 0

Pop Haydn has the best dust to use!

"For those who believe, no explanation is necessary; for those who do not, none will suffice." -Joseph Dunninger

"Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it."Hebrews 13:2

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Posted: Dec 15, 2015 12:10 pm likes: 0

Pop, most likely bought his dust from either JACK CHANIN or AL FLOSSO! (Those two mountebanks had "cornered the market" on "woofle dust".)

Doc TARBELL may have first learned how to use "woofle dust", but, he never had a magic shop to collect it in! (Egad! another "CHARLIE MILLER"!

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> Quote:
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> > I rememebr the first time I've seen a magician use 'woofle dust'. He pulled out a toy squeeker and squeezed it a few times over the effect he was performing. Funny I remember that...

I THINK that the squeeker was a Karrell Fox idea.

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Rudy Ray

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Posted: Jul 18, 2016 06:02 am likes: 0

When you dust the Woofles the young ones should be out of the room, the woofles make a hell of a racket...

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Posted: Jul 19, 2016 01:14 pm likes: 0

Appreciate all the one liners! Made my day.

Larry Barnowsky

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Posted: Sep 3, 2017 05:41 pm likes: 0

I can supply anyone interested in nanoparticle woofle dust. Although the envelope it comes in appears to be empty, I assure you that all the nanowoofles are there.
I also sell used flash paper and chocolate Oil of Milk (OOM)

More unique items at my site

https://www.barnowskymagic.com/

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Posted: Sep 3, 2017 11:03 pm likes: 0

Well, I've heard of used flash paper, and used hat coils, but I've never heard of chocolate OOM!

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Rainboguy

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Posted: Sep 10, 2017 06:38 pm likes: 0

I have one of Karrell's Woofle dust squeakers.....It's a stupid dumb thing THAT WORKS!

blackstone99

Posted: Dec 27, 2017 05:34 pm likes: 0

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Woofle dust is the residual material after flash paper burns.

MrPrestoHypno

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Posted: Dec 29, 2017 02:01 pm

likes: 0

Larry that is hilarious! OOM

Terrible Wizard

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Posted: Dec 29, 2017 02:11 pm

likes: 0

Anyone found a reference older than the OP?

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Posted: Mar 21, 2018 11:52 am

likes: 0

Ida know...How old IS the OP?

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Clay Shevlin

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Posted: Jul 4, 2019 03:11 am

likes: 0

The woofle dust concept for magicians existed, and was used in their patter, in the early 18th century (so nearly 300 years ago).

Jonathan Townsend

Eternal Order
Ossining, NY

Posted: Jul 4, 2019 10:48 pm

likes: 0

Clay, would you provide a reference/url for a source for this information? We live at a moment when much of our older literature is preserved and available on the internet. Citing and linking to older sourcebooks can help this generation of students appreciate our past.
Thanks in advance,
Jon

...to all the coins I've dropped here

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bluejay17!

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Posted: Aug 8, 2019 03:53 pm likes: 0

Hugard said that using it for a trick was outdated in Expert Card Technique.
ps. I'm part of the younger generation of students.

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Announcements (Please Read) Check here for news and information concerning the Café.	98	1,598	Jan 5, 2024 04:33 pm by MillerTime <GO>
When dining with us...(Please Read) Café rules & etiquette, Posting guidelines, Magic transactions, Secret sessions, Avatars, Icons and How to make a post.	8	8	Dec 28, 2007 03:55 am by Steve Brooks <GO>
I want to see the manager! Do you have an idea or suggestion for our menu? Or just a question? Post it here	2,241	9,656	Apr 8, 2024 10:16 pm by Sarah Anne <GO>
Our new arrivals Here is a place for new members to introduce themselves to the rest of our community.	11,003	72,349	Apr 9, 2024 08:53 am by badwords <GO>
A Special Message For Lurkers Please read...	1	1	Sep 23, 2001 02:25 pm by Steve Brooks <GO>
The Magic Café Tech Help Area Are you having technical issues with the forums? If so, explain your situation or ask your questions here.	2,974	11,522	Mar 6, 2024 11:49 pm by Mark Bennett <GO>

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March & April	Topics	Posts	Last Active
Welcome special guest of honor: to be announced Full details coming soon...	0	0	No Posts

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The beginners table	Topics	Posts	Last Active
New to magic? If you are a beginner, here is the place to seek advice and ask questions.	7,885	108,481	Apr 11, 2024 07:06 pm by Schlawiner <GO>
The tricks are on me! This forum is for discussing the history and practice of Volunteering to perform for various groups for free (e.g, hospitals, nursing homes, fundraisers, etc). This is especially useful for beginners or those wanting to try out new material.	317	4,025	Feb 19, 2024 08:00 pm by Russo <GO>

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The International Brotherhood of Magicians!	Topics	Posts	Last Active
The International Brotherhood of Magicians! This forum is for the discussion of topics involving the I.B.M. Posts may include questions about joining, club meetings, lectures, convention information and the like. Remember, I.B.M. subject matter only.	1,259	7,090	Apr 9, 2024 10:54 pm by thehackleguy <GO>
I.B.M. Youth I.B.M. Youth! This forum is for the discussion of topics involving the I.B.M. Youth. Posts may include questions about joining, events, etc. Remember, I.B.M. Youth subject matter only.	65	193	Sep 4, 2023 10:52 pm by om_darji <GO>

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The Society of American Magicians! This forum is for the discussion of topics involving the S.A.M. Posts may include questions about joining, club meetings, lectures, convention information and the like. Remember, S.A.M. subject matter only.	817	3,942	Feb 27, 2024 01:42 pm by hugmagic <GO>
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The Fellowship of Christian Magicians! This forum is for the discussion of topics involving the FCM. Posts may include questions about joining, club meetings, lectures, convention information and the like. Remember, FCM subject matter only.	692	5,164	Feb 25, 2024 12:11 pm by markofmagic **<GO>**
The Good News! Topics on the art of gospel magic.	2,045	22,429	Jan 20, 2024 09:16 am by Marc_Buxton **<GO>**

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Canadian Association of Magicians!	Topics	Posts	Last Active
Canadian Association of Magicians! This forum is for the discussion of topics involving the C.A.M. Posts may include questions about joining, club meetings, lectures, convention information and the like. Remember, C.A.M. subject matter only.	595	3,786	Apr 5, 2024 07:32 pm by J M Talbot **<GO>**

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KIDabra International!	Topics	Posts	Last Active
The Association of Family and Kidshow Performers This forum is for the discussion of topics involving KIDabra International. Posts may include questions about joining, chapter meetings, lectures, conference information and the like. Remember, KIDabra subject matter only.	522	4,336	Dec 25, 2023 07:55 pm by Donald Dunphy **<GO>**

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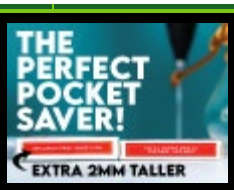
The Meeting Room	Topics	Posts	Last Active
The Essential Magic Conference The Essential Magic Conference is the world's first web conference for magicians. 33 speakers spread over 3 days of conference streamed live worldwide! This forum is for discussions relating to the EMC only - All other content will be removed.	21	244	Mar 8, 2022 04:30 pm by MagicByVincent **<GO>**
MINDvention MINDvention is THE annual mentalism convention held in Las Vegas open to anyone interested in mystery entertainment and mentalism. This forum is dedicated to discussions related to the MINDvention convention - all other content will be removed.	108	981	Apr 9, 2024 10:27 pm by Mindpro **<GO>**



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Pick a card...any card	Topics	Posts	Last Active
The workers Serious discussions surrounding tricks and effects which use pure skill and sleight of hand. Lovers of the pasteboards unite!	26,070	449,867	Apr 12, 2024 12:58 pm by joseph **<GO>**
Deckless! Topics and discussions centering around tricks which do not use an entire deck of cards (e.g, a packet trick, torn & restored, card warp, etc).	1,462	19,968	Apr 11, 2024 04:04 pm by Silversleights04 **<GO>**
Gaffed & Funky This forum dedicated to discussions pertaining to the use of gimmicked or specialty packs (e.g, Invisible deck, Stripper, Svengali, Mirage, Split, etc). Topics may also include custom printed cards (e.g, Double face, 31/2 clubs, clear cards and other odd varieties).	3,721	36,555	Apr 11, 2024 03:58 pm by Silversleights04 **<GO>**
The Big and the Small This area reserved for posts which deal in the specialty arena of tricks and effects using jumbo or miniature playing cards.	366	2,674	Mar 25, 2024 02:45 pm by ZenOfMagic **<GO>**
Shuffled not Stirred This is the forum to discuss the art and practice of using stacks and other special arrangements of the pasteboards. Topics may include the use of marked cards and memorized deck work.	1,407	19,222	Apr 12, 2024 05:16 am by Divrom **<GO>**
All in the cards This forum created for the discussion of tricks and effects which are pretty much self-working or extremely easy to do. (e.g, no sleights, semi-automatic, no skill).	1,012	12,389	Apr 12, 2024 09:35 am by Claudio **<GO>**

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The Museum of Playing Cards	Topics	Posts	Last Active
The Depository General discussions on the history of playing cards, preservation, care and maintenance & storing of your prized decks. This is also the place to talk about your collection & share photos with the community.	241	799	Mar 5, 2024 03:07 pm by Graz **<GO>**
The Card Studio Thinking about creating your own deck? This forum is for you! Serious discussions on playing card design, crowd funding, printing sources, marketing, etc.	145	474	Feb 15, 2024 05:11 pm by MagicByVincent **<GO>**
Hot off the Press! This forum provided as a place where you can discuss the latest rumors, read announcements and speculate about the obvious hyperbole surrounding many of the upcoming decks that are being released into the card community. Will they indeed be the next Federal 52 or something of the dollar store variety?	350	788	Apr 10, 2024 12:44 pm by rtmurraymagic **<GO>**
Deck the Halls			

	This forum is strictly for the review of playing cards, card clips & other playing card related items. Is it a great product or simply more of the same? You decide. Any off topic material will be removed.	994	1,583	Apr 12, 2024 02:42 pm by rtmurraymagic **<GO>**
	The Trading Room Looking to buy, sell or trade a pack of cards? Look no further, this is the place for you! But remember, "Caveat emptor"-let the buyer beware.	2	2	Sep 24, 2013 12:56 am by Steve Brooks **<GO>**
	Pasteboard Frolics You take card flourishes seriously? Are you really into XCM? Do you see yourself as part of the Cardistry crowd? Then this is the forum for you!	984	11,741	Feb 29, 2024 05:39 am by Puzzlemaker **<GO>**

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Show me the money		Topics	Posts	Last Active
	Nothing up my sleeve... If performing sleight of hand magic with coins has you excited, this is your forum! Topics may include effects like Matrix, Coins across, Misers Dream, etc. This is also the area to discuss Okito box work.	11,321	178,929	Apr 12, 2024 01:24 pm by Mb217 **<GO>**
	Trick coin trickery Discussions of tricks or effects which seemingly use ordinary filthy lucre, but do not (Scotch & Soda, Coin in bottle, etc)	4,045	54,896	Apr 11, 2024 08:25 am by rowdymagi5 **<GO>**
	Paper money madness! This area for discussions of tricks and effects using paper currency. (Misled, $100 Bill switch, Bill tube, etc)	1,193	14,095	Apr 9, 2024 12:22 pm by DrVG **<GO>**

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Close up workers		Topics	Posts	Last Active
	Rings, strings & things Discussion on performing magic with rings, strings, dice, rubberbands, pencils, paddles, etc.	4,481	52,469	Apr 6, 2024 05:09 pm by obrienmagic **<GO>**
	Table hoppers & party strollers General discussion on working restaurants and bars, as well as doing strolling magic	6,521	117,652	Apr 8, 2024 08:36 pm by funsway **<GO>**
	The side walk shuffle Discussions on the serious art of busking.	3,735	56,489	Apr 12, 2024 01:59 pm by Zack **<GO>**
	Ever so sleightly Discussions on magic that uses sleight of hand skills, such as Cups & Balls, Sponge Balls, the Chop Cup and so on.	4,767	82,772	Apr 11, 2024 02:10 am by christhebard **<GO>**
	Where to put it all... General discussions on prop management	1,048	12,276	Apr 12, 2024 11:44 am by tctahoe **<GO>**

	Magic...at a moment's notice! Often, out of the blue, you are requested to perform. Are you prepared? What do you do? This area is to discuss the keen art of 'Impromptu' and 'Improvisational' magic.	719	16,169	Apr 3, 2024 01:30 pm by magicfish **<GO>**
	Street Magic Performing random acts of magic for a total stranger...	1,848	28,237	Apr 12, 2024 03:20 am by Mindpro **<GO>**

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Stage, Platform and Parlour		Topics	Posts	Last Active
	Grand illusion General discussion on large illusions.	8,706	113,230	Apr 6, 2024 01:17 am by JBiesecker **<GO>**
	Boxes, tubes & bags Topics on living room type magic (tricky bottles,change bags,linking rings,etc)	4,315	55,376	Apr 12, 2024 01:03 am by Wravyn **<GO>**
	Knots and loops General discussion on rope magic	1,244	16,919	Apr 10, 2024 07:33 pm by georgebd **<GO>**
	Finger/stage manipulation Topics on billiard balls, thimbles, pipes, cigars or cigarettes, candles, dancing canes, card productions, zombie and more!	3,536	43,467	Apr 2, 2024 05:49 am by wally **<GO>**
	F/X Discussions on the use of lights, music, sound, fog, backdrops, etc.	2,795	27,082	Apr 12, 2024 04:07 am by rs-magic **<GO>**
	Lights...camera...action! Topics covering performing on television, video, film, radio, and other media.	698	4,127	Feb 13, 2024 02:39 pm by sammagic **<GO>**
	Polly wants a cracker... General discussion on using and caring for doves, rabbits, parrots and other livestock.	2,698	27,765	Apr 5, 2024 06:08 pm by Ken Northridge **<GO>**
	Smooth as silk General discussion of magic with silks and handkerchiefs. Topics may include the caring of silks, folding, dyeing, etc.	1,884	20,811	Apr 10, 2024 03:27 pm by TStone **<GO>**

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The Attic		Topics	Posts	Last Active
	Friend of a Friend The exploration and discussion centering around Urban Legends. All other subject matter (e.g, frauds, hoaxes, etc) will be removed.	42	799	Apr 4, 2024 02:37 am by badwords **<GO>**

	Penny for your thoughts General discussion of mentalism.	23,391	442,544	Apr 12, 2024 01:02 am by Slim King **<GO>**
	You are getting sleepy...very sleepy... Serious discussions on the art and practice of Hypnosis.	1,724	28,847	Apr 12, 2024 06:22 am by Divrom **<GO>**

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The Cellar		Topics	Posts	Last Active
	The spooky, the mysterious...the bizarre! If graveside magic is your thing...	11,307	171,493	Apr 12, 2024 02:41 am by Slim King **<GO>**
	Once upon a time... Magic routines presented in story form	325	2,645	Mar 26, 2024 07:48 pm by MagicallyEverAfter **<GO>**
	Periods & styles of Magic This forum is for specific discussions surrounding various Time Periods and Character Based Magic performing.	177	1,989	Dec 11, 2023 03:56 pm by Wilktone **<GO>**

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Special Interests		Topics	Posts	Last Active
	The Feminine Mystique Serious discussions surrounding the problems and/or advantages of performing magic as a woman. For example, clothing issues with pulls, topits, holdouts, etc. Ladies, this area is provided especially for you!	296	3,063	Mar 17, 2024 11:47 am by Sarah Anne **<GO>**
	The little darlings Topics on the challenging art of performing for children, including birthday shows,school programs, and magic with a special message.	10,484	181,358	Apr 12, 2024 01:05 am by Julie **<GO>**
	All tied up! General discussion covering escape magic. Topics include ropes,chains,boxes,handcuffs,strait jackets,etc.	3,461	42,318	Mar 29, 2024 08:21 am by allantaylor **<GO>**
	Oldies... but goodies! Discussion on magic collecting (posters,autographs,old props,etc)	1,009	5,422	Mar 19, 2024 03:12 pm by John magic **<GO>**
	Up in smoke! If you love to play with fire...Remember, this forum is for discussions on routines and possible presentational ideas for effects with fire - NOT methods or recipes for fuel mixtures.	1,326	8,921	Apr 6, 2024 02:59 am by FrankFindley **<GO>**
	Now that's funny! General discussion on comedy magic	1,868	103,515	Mar 19, 2024 06:15 pm

				by charliemartin **<GO>**
	The workshop This area is for those interested in building their own props	4,758	48,307	Apr 8, 2024 07:18 pm by Grey **<GO>**
	Tricky business Discussions on working cruise ships, & doing trade shows. Topics may also include routine ideas for motivational magic & other specialized programs. This is also the area to talk about the business side of magic (e.g, contracts, promotions, taxes, etc)	5,512	89,097	Apr 11, 2024 01:59 am by TomBoleware **<GO>**
	Going for the 'Gold' Interested in magic competition? Here is the place to post discussions on possible strategies, what to expect, how to prepare, what to wear. Topics may include news and views on upcoming contests, etc.	398	3,258	Apr 11, 2024 02:29 pm by snm **<GO>**
	Magic Stage Left Are you a southpaw? This forum is dedicated to us left-handed folks who practice magic in a right-handed world. Share tips, ideas and suggestions for performing and learning magic the left-handed way (which has its own unique challenges).	10	38	Feb 15, 2024 04:42 pm by crandall **<GO>**

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Room of Wonders	Topics	Posts	Last Active
	SansMinds Magic This forum dedicated to discussions surrounding the SansMinds magic company and its unique line of magical creations. Topics may include history, collections, tricks, video's, etc. If you are a SansMinds fan then this is the forum for you!	43	2,117	Mar 16, 2024 04:55 pm by magicnorm **<GO>**
	Tenyo of Japan This forum dedicated to discussions surrounding the Tenyo Magic company and its unique line of magical products. Topics may include history, collections, tricks, etc. If you are a Tenyo fan then this is the forum for you!	1,485	18,012	Apr 12, 2024 12:32 pm by Mike **<GO>**
	Tenyo Elite This forum reserved for discussions surrounding the Tenyo Elite line of magic tricks which are produced by JPS Magic Studios Ltd. Which tricks will be produced? What are your personal favorites? Tenyo fans rejoice!	52	1,660	Oct 9, 2022 02:12 pm by Magic Dust **<GO>**

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Cons, Swindles and Scams	Topics	Posts	Last Active
	The Gambling Spot History, theory and ideas surrounding the mysterious world of the unscrupulous gambler. Topics may include card cheating, card counters, advantage players, etc. Strategies, theories and schemes for winning at Poker, BlackJack, Slots, Roulette, Craps and other casino games.	2,449	42,968	Apr 4, 2024 05:33 am by JasonEngland **<GO>**
	Pardon me, sir... Discussions pertaining to the art and practice of theatrical pickpocketing	239	1,776	Feb 18, 2024 09:25 pm

	and the classic watch steal.			by jlevey **<GO>**
	If right you win, if wrong you lose... Serious discussions on Three Card Monte, Fast and Loose, The Shell Game and other such scams.	634	7,146	Apr 1, 2024 11:06 am by licker98 **<GO>**
	Betchas This forum dedicated to the discussion of bar bets, tricks, stunts and other silly wagers.	130	1,406	Feb 26, 2024 08:54 pm by mk **<GO>**

Ultimate Ambition Ultra Monte Princess Card Trick
Red Prediction Jumping Jacks OMNIBUS Morphed
Bizarre Assembly Rainbow Ropes Acrobatic Ropes

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Carnival of Fun	Topics	Posts	Last Active
Clowning around Discussions on the art and practice of being a clown. Topics include history, make-up, costumes, funny props, face painting and more. This is also the area to discuss general circus life, history, lingo, etc.	504	3,877	Nov 10, 2023 02:49 am by charliemartin **<GO>**
Catch this if you can! General discussions on juggling, diabolo, devil sticks, yo-yo, unicycle, poi, meteors and the fine art of contact juggling.	1,019	8,066	Jan 15, 2024 12:58 pm by Berthram **<GO>**
Ballooning 101 This forum dedicated to balloons and ballooning. Topics include technique, sculpture basics, types of balloons, etc.	1,611	14,557	Apr 2, 2024 03:07 am by Michael238 **<GO>**
I'm a real boy! Discussions on ventriloquism and the art of making and using puppets. Topics include vent techniques, voice training, types of dolls, using marionettes, Punch & Judy, story scripting and more!	2,014	23,855	Mar 21, 2024 04:49 pm by ENEKITXU **<GO>**
Do you see what I see? Serious discussions on the theatrical art and performance of pantomime, mimicry and general mime. Topics include history, inspiration and technique.	35	267	Jan 10, 2023 07:08 pm by davidpaul$ **<GO>**
Step right up! The art and practice of the pitch. Discussions and topics on selling the Wondermouse, Svengali decks, fuzzy worms, steak knifes, candy, etc.	635	6,503	Feb 9, 2024 08:29 pm by aoakden **<GO>**
Believe it or not... Discussions of life on the midway - fire walking, eating glass, blockhead, bed of nails and other side-show stuff. Topics may include carnival history, games, lingo, grindshows, flea circus', exhibits, etc.	3,122	33,993	Apr 6, 2024 07:29 pm by pulpscrypt **<GO>**

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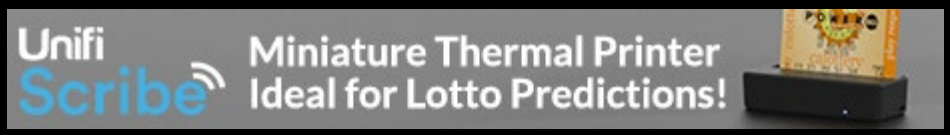
The Lounge	Topics	Posts	Last Active
You Oughta Be In Pictures Forum for posts focusing on user-submitted videos or images. All media content should be appropriate for all audiences and must not contain any copyrighted intellectual property without the permission of the respective copyright holder. In addition, absolutely no exposure	5,779	39,022	Apr 12, 2024 12:01 am by james_thecanadian_magician

	videos will be allowed - no exceptions.			<GO>
	Latest and Greatest? This forum provided as a place where folks can discuss the latest rumors, read announcements and speculate about the obvious hyperbole surrounding many of the upcoming products that are released into magicdom. Will they be genuine miracles or mere rhetoric? We ponder the question...	18,415	535,465	Apr 12, 2024 03:07 pm by tonsofquestions <GO>



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The Laboratory of Magic	Topics	Posts	Last Active
Taco Tuesday For Magicians with Luke Dancy (Watch LIVE every Tuesday night at 8:30pm EST!) Get your weekly dose of magic news, a detailed look at the best handpicked magic tricks and your chance to win FREE MAGIC just for tuning in. Join the fun live each week on the All Things Magic YouTube channel and Facebook page. Catch the replay from each week's show right here!	10	13	Mar 27, 2024 10:12 pm by Luke Dancy <GO>
The Wizard Magic Review Are you a fan of the Wizard Magic Review? If so, you'll be happy to know that this is the official forum to discuss all the things that are reviewed on the show. Remember, only Wizard magic Review material, anything else will be removed. Look inside for all the details!	533	9,398	Apr 10, 2024 12:30 pm by gtx magic <GO>
'Nothing But The Truth' by Craig Petty A sporadically posted video show voicing personal commentary on the magic community at large. The show also includes reviews of tricks, books, videos, downloads, lectures and conventions. This is the official forum to discuss the various episodes. Any off topic discussions will be removed with no explanation given. Enter at your own risk...	13	193	Mar 14, 2024 08:27 am by Sudo Nimh <GO>

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A Family Tradition	Topics	Posts	Last Active
Everything old is new again Discussions on the history and origins of tricks & effects, props, apparatus, gimmicks and the like.	659	6,434	Apr 11, 2024 03:56 am by Julie <GO>
For the record This forum is for topics and discussions related to the history and origins of various sleights, moves, and handlings.	175	1,591	Mar 3, 2024 09:24 pm by fingerjack <GO>
Magicians of old This forum dedicated specifically to the discussion of magicians from our magical past, including such greats as Robert-Houdin, Houdini, Blackstone, Thurston, Carter, Marlo, Vernon and others.	1,292	11,023	Apr 1, 2024 10:12 am by davidredfearn <GO>
A turn of the page This area dedicated to discussions on the history and origins of magic literature, including books, manuscripts, monographs, magazines and the like.	532	4,292	Jan 31, 2024 10:40 pm by saxonia <GO>

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Mind Benders	Topics	Posts	Last Active
Magical equations Discussions on the use of magic effects that rely on properties of arithmetic for success. Topics may also include magic squares and the like.	740	6,366	Apr 11, 2024 12:01 am by Thomas Henry **<GO>**
Seeing is believing Discussions on the use and properties of optical illusions, and how these lines and drawings fool the eye.	241	1,639	Jan 12, 2024 09:35 pm by funnymagic **<GO>**
Puzzle me this... This area dedicated to topics on puzzles that challenge the mind, be they Chinese boxes, blocks, metal and wire, discs, or even the famous Rubik's Cube.	1,168	12,864	Mar 30, 2024 06:26 pm by Magical Moments **<GO>**
Rectangles and pentagons and squares, oh my! This forum is for the discussion of the ancient art of Origami. Originating in Japan, the art and science of folding paper into shapes and its relationship with mathematics is a fascinating study.	70	444	Jan 31, 2024 10:26 pm by bhavz95 **<GO>**

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The Magazine Rack	Topics	Posts	Last Active
VANISH - The International Magic Magazine Topics and discussions relating to the pages of this electronic magazine. All other subject matter will be removed.	96	207	Feb 11, 2024 07:58 pm by mandrax **<GO>**
REEL MAGIC MAGAZINE - TV For Magicians Topics and discussions surrounding this DVD based magic magazine. All off-topic matter will be removed with no explanation given.	289	2,081	Mar 5, 2024 07:00 pm by mantel **<GO>**
GENII - The Conjurors' Magazine Serious discussions and topics regarding the latest content found within the pages of GENII magazine. All other subject matter will be removed.	380	2,206	Jan 26, 2024 03:35 pm by martysh **<GO>**
MAGICSEEN - Britain's brightest independent magic magazine This area provided for topics and discussions pertaining to the contents of magicseen magazine. All off topic material will be deleted.	27	101	Oct 21, 2022 12:36 pm by gregg webb **<GO>**
MAGIC - The Magazine For Magicians This forum provided for discussions and topics regarding the latest happenings, articles, etc. which appear within the pages of MAGIC magazine. All off-topic matter will be deleted.	265	1,737	May 29, 2023 01:13 am by Greg Kiefer **<GO>**
CHANNEL ONE - Magic, Satire & Goodies! Come here to discuss the articles, gossip, satire and humor found inside this controversial periodical. All other subject matter is subject to removal.	8	84	Mar 22, 2021 08:17 pm by Magiguy **<GO>**
ANTINOMY - Perception & Deception Discussions pertaining to the tricks and articles which appear between the	35	442	Dec 6, 2023 10:28 am

	covers of this magical tome. Off-topic postings will be removed.			by Recoplon **<GO>**
	THE MAGIC MENU - The International Journal for Close-Up Magicians Topics and discussions pertaining to the contents of the Magic Menu magazine. All other subject matter will be deleted.	17	187	May 31, 2011 04:43 pm by bsears **<GO>**

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Office of Advisement	Topics	Posts	Last Active
The Magic Word by Scott Wells Thru your host Scott Wells you will enjoy seeing the sights, watching the videos, and listen to podcasts with magicians talking about their magic, magic conventions and what's going on in the magic scene today. Look inside for full details!	412	578	Oct 15, 2023 02:06 am by MT **<GO>**
The Magic Newswire by Dodd Vickers The Original Magic News & Information Portal On The Internet now has its very own discussion forum here on the Café. Do you have a question for Dodd, this is the place to post it. This area is for Magic Newswire topics only, all other material will be removed. Look inside for all the details!	34	269	May 9, 2017 08:49 pm by magicnewswire **<GO>**
The Shift: Picks of the Week by Chris Ramsay The Shift is a mash-up of product testing, sessioning and whatever else there is to do! Chris Ramsay delivers not only an in depth opinion on his two picks of the week but tests them out on the streets! He'll also bring you guys along for any conventions, jams or lectures that he attends! Look Inside!	110	374	Jun 24, 2020 09:09 am by SuitableSID **<GO>**
Magic Friday by Jamie D. Grant Every Friday a trick is taken out into the real world and performed under test conditions. Join Jamie, Angry Bob and all the rest as we learn which tricks really work and which ones just don't live up to all the hype. Look inside for full details!	173	207	Jun 10, 2013 12:04 am by Jamie D. Grant **<GO>**

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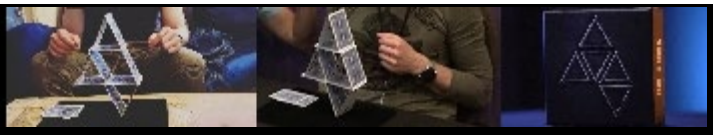
Catch of the day - by Steve Brooks	Topics	Posts	Last Active
DVD/Video tape scene My take on the newest titles...	33	33	Jan 30, 2012 05:14 am by Steve Brooks **<GO>**
Books/Pamphlets/Notes A cover to cover look...	20	20	Sep 25, 2007 02:57 am by Steve Brooks **<GO>**
Tricks & Accessories In your show, or in a drawer?	118	118	Sep 25, 2022 09:11 am by Steve Brooks **<GO>**



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The Good, the Bad, and the Garbage	Topics	Posts	Last Active
Tricks & Effects This area for reviews of magic tricks only.	14,110	242,148	Apr 12, 2024 02:46 pm by rtmurraymagic **<GO>**
Books, Pamphlets & Lecture Notes This area for reviews of books, pamphlets and notes only.	4,979	61,356	Apr 10, 2024 03:02 pm by magicfish **<GO>**
Dvd, Video tape, Audio tape & Compact discs. This area for reviews of dvds, video tapes, audio tapes or compact discs exclusively.	4,980	75,523	Mar 20, 2024 03:13 pm by Ernst VCO **<GO>**
Ebooks, PDF's or Downloads This area for reviews of Ebooks, PDF's or Downloads exclusively.	2,832	33,739	Apr 8, 2024 03:05 pm by Joshua J **<GO>**
Mentally Speaking This area is specifically for the review of mentalism related items. This can include props, Dvds, books, monographs, pamphlets, manuscripts, notes, eBooks, PDF's and downloads.	1,266	26,455	Apr 12, 2024 05:41 am by mentalist.aazan **<GO>**
Stage Illusions This area for the review of large stage size illusions (e.g, Zig-Zag, Sawing, Origami, Mis-made Girl, Levitation, etc).	406	5,068	Mar 27, 2024 08:57 am by mbgenii **<GO>**
Magical Accessories This area is for reviews of magical accessories such as wands, cases, topits, playing cards, etc. only.	1,327	13,300	Apr 10, 2024 08:33 pm by Julie **<GO>**

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The dealers table	Topics	Posts	Last Active
What's Cooking? Look here to learn about the latest products, contests and special offers that our Cafe sponsors are offering inside!	794	794	Mar 22, 2024 04:23 pm by Steve Brooks **<GO>**
Flavors from the past... Reminisce about the dealers from days gone by and the products or advice they once offered, or perhaps just fond memories of those Saturday afternoons you spent hanging out in their shops.	244	1,634	Feb 8, 2024 11:41 am by EZrhythm **<GO>**
From Soup to Nuts What do you look for when shopping for magic? What criteria do you use when deciding which dealer receives your hard earned cash, and why some may never hear from you again? This forum is NOT to discuss specific dealers, but rather the things they do that make you glad, or make you mad. Voice your ideas and thoughts here.	294	2,295	Mar 20, 2024 12:57 am by EZrhythm **<GO>**

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The Buffet	Topics	Posts	Last Active
My Side Of The Screen - by Steve Brooks Thoughts and views on magic, the internet, and anything else that's on my mind.	4	5	Oct 29, 2006 07:33 am by Steve Brooks **<GO>**
The Return Of The (not so) Youthful Curmudgeon! - by Paul Chosse Comments on the magic scene, past, present, and future. Plus: Close-up magic with just about anything. How-to, how not to, and why. In either case, you ought to bother...	42	47	Feb 20, 2021 09:09 pm by P.Jane **<GO>**
A Hundreth Pleasant Conceipts - by Curtis Kam Adventures in advanced coinmanship.	10	17	Nov 9, 2005 10:58 am by Curtis Kam **<GO>**
Scott's Thoughts - by Scott Wells Theories, thoughts, observations, opinions and reviews on myriad magical subjects.	19	43	Sep 7, 2010 02:19 am by Scott Wells **<GO>**
From The Wizards Cave - by Bill Palmer Our resident curmudgeon applies his wizardly wiles to work out problems in everything from ethics to history to indigestion.	57	140	Oct 8, 2006 07:07 am by Bill Palmer **<GO>**
The Illusionarium - by Peter Loughran Featuring concept, design, performance, and theory in the world of illusion.	13	19	May 28, 2010 12:46 pm by Peter Loughran **<GO>**
Notes from a Designer's Logbook - by George Ledo Thoughts, ideas, and essays on imagination, creativity, prop design, and stagecraft... along with some techniques from the wonderful world of theater.	44	81	Apr 6, 2024 04:20 am by Slim King **<GO>**
Enhancing Your Ability to Work Wonders - by Brad Burt Essays on the Art and Craft of Being a Magician	57	58	Jul 31, 2012 04:24 pm by Brad Burt **<GO>**

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General Magic	Topics	Posts	Last Active
We double dare you! Are you creative? This is the place to post ideas on presentation plots, no matter how silly, ridiculous, preposterous, or mundane. Remember, presentations-not methods.	970	6,924	Apr 5, 2024 11:33 am by Lars Andersen **<GO>**
A tangled web we weave... General discussion concerning magic on the internet	2,921	21,387	Mar 25, 2024 03:59 pm by LiesiStudios **<GO>**
So Happy together...	4,630	34,310	Apr 5, 2024 04:42 am

	News and views on conventions, lectures, club meetings, etc.			by michaelpenkul **<GO>**
	Not very magical, still... A place to discuss things which have nothing to do with magic	20,823	478,087	Apr 12, 2024 01:40 pm by Wravyn **<GO>**
	Did you hear the latest? Discussions on the latest news, gossip and rumors in the magic community.	2,872	29,886	Apr 3, 2024 10:23 pm by dmcknight **<GO>**
	Let there be magic! You have an idea you feel is commercial, now what do you do? Where do you sell it? How much do you ask? This forum is for the general discussion of magic publishing.	382	2,486	Mar 31, 2024 03:19 pm by Nick Sand **<GO>**
	Looking out for our own Do you know of someone in the art who could use some words of encouragement right now? Perhaps they are ill, or have just lost a loved one? This is the forum to let our magic family at The Café help out.	1,005	10,138	Apr 6, 2024 02:06 am by Mindpro **<GO>**
	Magic names and the media General discussions concerning the stars of magic. Topics may include reviews or commentary on tv specials, personal appearances, tour schedules, radio interviews, etc.	2,361	29,603	Apr 12, 2024 03:55 am by acortest **<GO>**
	What happened, was this... A place to tell stories and experiences from shows, tours or performances you have done. No questions, advice, or theories...just stories!	621	4,872	Feb 7, 2024 07:12 pm by ThomasJ **<GO>**
	The marquee says... Planning your vacation and want to catch a little magic along the way? Look inside! This is the area to announce show schedules, so other members will know who is playing where!	1,574	5,240	Mar 20, 2024 09:48 pm by wljarvis **<GO>**

The Round Table	Topics	Posts	Last Active
	Food for thought This is the area to discuss creativity,theory,and psychology in our magic	4,461	104,944	Apr 5, 2024 08:22 am by tommy **<GO>**
	The Science of Magic Magic and science working side by side. What are the possibilities? Discussions may also include how scientific principles have fooled the uneducated since the dawn of time. How have times changed, if at all? This is the forum for such topics.	153	1,489	Oct 2, 2023 10:58 pm by jakestrongmagic **<GO>**
	Right or Wrong? Thoughts and discussions pertaining to the generally accepted rules and standards of conduct as it relates to members of the magic industry who create, manufacture or publish. This forum is all about Ethics.	881	24,019	Apr 3, 2024 08:04 pm by vincentmusician **<GO>**

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APPS On The Menu	Topics	Posts	Last Active
	APPS-alutely This area reserved for the discussion of APPS for the Apple iPhone, iPad, iTouch and various Android based devices. All other subject matter will be removed.	757	9,077	Mar 28, 2024 01:47 pm by liamlevanon **<GO>**

	APPealing or APPalling? This area is specifically for reviews of APPS for the Apple iPhone, iPad, iTouch and various Android based devices. Remember, reviews only. All other subject matter will be removed.	149	2,466	Apr 11, 2024 02:47 am by DavidMor **<GO>**
	APPearing Soon... This forum provided as a place where folks can discuss the latest rumors, read announcements and speculate about the obvious hyperbole surrounding many of the upcoming APP products that are being released for the Apple iPhone, iPad, iTouch and various Android based devices. Will they be useful for real magicians or just a novelty best left for the layperson?	137	2,434	Feb 18, 2024 02:52 pm by bekralik **<GO>**

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Odds and Ends	Topics	Posts	Last Active
	Helping hands Discussions on the use of assistants in our shows, be they on the payroll or taken from the audience. This area is also the place where professional assistants may gather to discuss the craft.	118	1,079	Feb 14, 2022 08:48 am by Rodentia **<GO>**
	The words we use This area is to discuss ideas for Patter and the use of Scripts in our magical presentations.	592	6,772	Mar 11, 2024 07:34 am by EZrhythm **<GO>**
	The clothes we wear Discussions on proper attire, and how your wardrobe may affect the way in which your audience perceives you. Topics may include types of dress, be it formal wear, contemporary, retro, etc.	706	8,349	Mar 13, 2024 03:08 pm by mslaboy **<GO>**
	Time after time Discussions on the importance of practice and rehearsal, and the difference between the two. Topics may include discipline, and advice or tips on forming good working habits in this important area.	168	3,216	Mar 31, 2024 06:31 pm by AlxRosekoski **<GO>**

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In the event that you lose your password you can click on the "Lost Password" link provided at the top of most of the pages. This link will take you to a page where you can fill in your username and email address. The system will then email a new, randomly generated password to the email address listed in your profile. You may then log in with the random password, and change it in your profile if you wish.

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Edit Your Profile

You can change your member profile at any time, as long as you are logged in. Following are some guidelines for changing your profile:

1. Username: If you wish to have your username changed please send a PM to Gene or Mary B. Members may not change their usernames themselves.
2. Password: You must type in your current password in order for any changes you make to take effect.
3. New Password and Confirm Password: To change your password, fill in the new password in both of these fields.
4. Email Address: You may change your email address by simply typing a new one in the text box, subject to any email address restrictions.
5. ICQ Number, AIM, Yahoo Messenger, and MSN Messenger: If you use any of these services, and you want all the board members to see your "address", type the address into the appropriate textbox.
6. Facebook & Twitter: Facebook and Twitter information is now available in any member's profile.
7. Web Site Address: If you have a website and want all the board members to be able to see a link to it, type the full URL (http://whatever.com)in the text box.
8. From: Where do you live? Type it in the box.
9. Occupation: What do you do for a living? Type it in the box.
10. Interests: What are your interests or hobbies? Type it in the box.
11. Avatar (user picture): The Magic Café allows you to upload a small picture to be displayed below your username on all your posts. This is to be a small photo or likeness (artists rendering) of yourself, no other types of images will be allowed as avatars. Please read the complete requirements for avatar use in the "Café Rules and Ettiquette" forum before uploading your avatar. Avatar images that don't meet the requirements will be removed by the staff.

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12. Signature: Here you may type in a personalized signature to add to your posts. You can use BBCode to format the text. To activate your signature, you must log in and click the link to "Edit Preferences". There you can choose to "Always attach my signature".

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1. Allow other users to view my Email Address: If you check the box your email address will appear in your member profile for all to see. If you don't check the box, only Moderators and Administrators will be able to see it.
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3. Block receipt of non-reply PMs except from forum administrator(s): If you check "Yes" only the Moderators and Administrators and people you have sent a Private message to will be able to send you Private Messages. If you check "No", any registered board member will be able to send you a Private Message.
4. Always disable Smilies when posting messages (code entered shows as text): If you check "Yes", any smilies you type into your posts, or click on to insert to your posts will be displayed as text. If you choose "No", any smilies you use will appear as images in your posts.
5. Always show clickable smilies near New Topic and Reply posting boxes: If you choose "Yes", you will be able to click on the smilies to put them in your posts. If you choose "No", the smilies will not show on the page near the posting text area.
6. Always attach my signature: Choose "Yes" to have your signature attached to all your posts and Private Messages you send.
7. Always show hover color on forum index and forum listing pages: Choose "Yes" if you want to see the hover color. This will make the entire table cell a clickable link.
8. Always disable BBcode: Choose "Yes" to disable BBCode in all the places where BBCode may be used. If you use BBCode to format your posts and Private Messages, choose "No".
9. Text sizes for posted messages: The Magic Café offers several text sizes for posted messages. You may select the one which looks best to you.
10. Board Language: Some of the headings on the board can be shown in different languages. This feature is not quite ready - translations from English are needed to make it fully functional. Until furthur notice, English is the only language that is fully functional on this board. The others in the drop-list are only partially completed.
11. Display Time Zone: The Magic Café now offers the ability to change the times shown on the Café. Please note that the choices do not generally reference countries, they represent continents. For example, New York would be "America/New York", and London would be found as "Europe/London." This is due to PHP's accepted location codes.

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Smilies

Smilies are keyboard characters used to convey an emotion, such as a smile :) or a frown :(. The Magic Café automatically converts certain smilies to a graphical representation. For your convenience, clickable smilies have been placed near the message box. (You must activate this feature in your Preferences.)

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You can also highlight and drag the smilie code from one place in the message box to another. Smilies may be inserted to your Private Messages by typing in the smilie code where you want the image to appear in your message. The following smilies are currently available for use at the Magic Café:

	Emotion	Image
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:lol:	Laugh	
:rolleyes:	Rolling Eyes	
:bg:	Big Grin	
:wow:	Wow	
:wavey:	Wavey	
:(	Sad	
:cry:	Crying	
:bawl:	Bawl	
:smiletear:	Smiletear	
:pout:	Pout	
:hmm:	Hmm	
:confused:	Confused	
:mad:	Mad	
:shrug:	Shrug	
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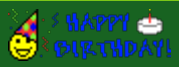
:birthday:	Birthday	
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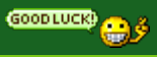
:goodluck:	Goodluck	
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How do I get a picture by my name?

To upload a picture (avatar) that will show under your username, follow the instructions found in the "Edit Profile" section of the FAQ. Only a likeness (photo or artists rendering) of yourself is allowed to be used as an avatar, no other type of image is allowed. Please read the complete requirements for avatar use in the "Café Rules and Ettiquette" forum before uploading your avatar. Avatar images that don't meet the requirements will be removed by the staff.

If you need help creating your avatar image, use this form and the Café Tech Advisor will help. Your avatar will be created and sent to you via email. Due to time constraints, please allow at least three days for your avatar to be made and sent to you.

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Using HTML

For security reasons, no member is allowed to use HTML in their posts here at The Magic Café.

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Using BBcode

BBcode is a variation on the HTML tags you may already be familiar with. You can use BBCode to format the text in your messages, indent a quoted passage, make a formatted list, and insert remote images (images located on another server) into the body of your messages. BBcode may also be used to add an image to your signature and your private messages.

URL Hyperlinking

There are two ways of creating a clickable hyperlink in your messages. The first way is to simply type the full URL into your message, as follows:

http://themagiccafe.com

OR:

www.themagiccafe.com

Notice that you can either use the complete http:// address or shorten it to the www domain. If the site does not begin with "www", you must use the complete "http://" address. Also, you may use https and ftp URL prefixes in your URL link.

The old [URL] code will still work, as detailed below. Just encase the link as shown in the following example (BBcode is in yellow).

[url]www.themagiccafe.com[/url]

You may also post true hyperlinks using the [url] code. Just use the following format:

[url=http://themagiccafe.com]Click here[/url]

In the examples above, the BBcode automatically generates a hyperlink to the URL that is encased. The message board scripts ensure that the link is opened in a new window when the user clicks on it. Note that the "http://" part of the URL is completely optional in the first and second examples. In the third example above, the URL will hyperlink the text to whatever URL you provide after the equal sign. Also note that you should NOT use quotation marks inside the URL tag.

Email Links

To add a hyperlinked email address within your message, just encase the email address as shown in the following example (BBcode is in yellow).

[email]stevebrooks@themagiccafe.com[/email]

In the example above, the BBcode automatically generates a hyperlink to the email address that is encased.

Bold and Italics

You can make italicized text or make text bold by encasing the applicable sections of your text with either the [b] [/b] or [i] [/i] tags.

Hello, [b]Steve Brooks[/b]
Hello, [i]*Mya Angel*[/i]

Bullets/Lists

You can make bulleted lists or ordered lists (by number or letter). Unordered, bulleted list:

[list]
[*] This is the first bulleted item.
[*] This is the second bulleted item.
[/list] This produces:

- This is the first bulleted item.
- This is the second bulleted item.

Note that you must include a closing [/list] when you end each list.

Making ordered lists is just as easy. Just add either [LIST=A] or [LIST=1]. Typing [List=A] will produce a list from A to Z. Using [List=1] will produce numbered lists.

Here's an example:

[list=A]
[*] This is the first bulleted item.
[*] This is the second bulleted item.
[/list]

This produces:

A. This is the first bulleted item.
B. This is the second bulleted item.

Adding Images

To add a graphic within your message, just encase the full URL of the graphic image as shown in the following example (BBCode is in yellow).

[img]http://yourdomain.com/images/picture.gif[/img]

In the example above, the BBCode automatically makes the graphic visible in your message. Note: the "http://" part of the URL is REQUIRED for the [img] code.

Quoting Other Messages

To reference something specific that someone has posted, just cut and paste the applicable verbiage and enclose it as shown below (BBcode is in yellow).

[QUOTE]Ask not what your country can do for you....
ask what you can do for your country.[/QUOTE]

In the example above, the BBcode automatically blockquotes the text you reference.

Code Tag

Similar to the Quote tage, the Code tag adds some <PRE> tags to preserve formatting. This useful for displaying programming code, for instance:

[CODE]
#!/usr/bin/perl
print "Content-type: text/html\n\n";
print "Hello World!";
[/CODE]

In the example above, the BBCode automatically blockquotes the text you reference and preserves the formatting of the coded text.

Adding a Youtube Video

The Magic Café now offers the ability to add youtube videos to your posts. This applies to any forum and the PM system.

In order to post a youtube video you will need the video's ID number. In the example below, xxxxxxxxxxxxx would be your video ID encased with the youtube BBcodes.

Example:

[youtube]xxxxxxxxxxxx[/youtube]

You must not use both HTML and BBCode to do the same function. Also note that the BBCode is not case-sensitive (thus, you could use [URL] or [url]). Incorrect BBCode Usage: [url]

stevebrooks@themagiccafe.com [/url] - don't put spaces between the bracketed code and the text you are applying the code to. [email]stevebrooks@themagiccafe.com[email] - the end brackets must include a forward slash ([/email])

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Editing Your Posts

You may edit your own posts, unless someone has replied to it or 30 minutes has passed since your post was made. To edit your post, go to the thread where the post to be edited is located and you will see an edit icon on the line above your message. Click on this icon and edit the post. No one else can edit your post except forum moderators or The Magic Café Administrators.

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Attaching Files

You may attach files to your posts here at the Magic Café. The allowable limits for file attachments are listed below the "Attachment" box. Click the "Browse" button and locate your file on your hard drive. Highlight the file, and click "Open" to attach it to your post.

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Questions about the Private Messaging System

For any questions relating to the Private Messaging system, please see the separate FAQ for the PM system.

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Searching For Specific Posts

You may search for specific posts based on a word or words found in the posts, a user name, a date, and/or a particular forum(s). Just click on the "Search" link at the top of most pages.

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Can I search private forums?

No. When you do a search, any Private forums at the Magic Café are excluded from the search. Links to topics in The Banquet Room forums will be shown, but if you don't have access to these forums, you will get a warning message when these links are clicked.

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Adding Signatures

You may use a signature on your posts. If you click on the profile link at the top of most pages, you will be able to edit your profile, including your standard signature. Once you have a signature stored, you can choose to include it in any post you make by checking the "include signature" box when you create your post. To have your signature automatically included in all your posts and private messages, click the "Edit Preferences" link at the top of most of the forum pages, and select "Yes" for that option. This bulletin board's administrator may elect to turn the signature feature off at any time. If that is the case, the "include signature" option will not appear when you post a message, even if you have stored a signature. You may also change your signature at any time by changing your profile.

Note: You may use BB Code in your signature to format the text.

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Topic Subscriptions

The Magic Café now offers a topic subscription system. All registered members, regardless of their level of access, may subscribe to any topic at any time. A member may subscribe while reading the topic by clicking the Subscribe button above and on the right of the first post on the topic page. A member may also subscribe to the topic when posting a new topic or a reply. All members may unsubscribe from a topic at any time by clicking the Unsubscribe button above and on the right of the first post on the topic page.

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Moderators

Here at the Magic Café, we have several Forum Moderators. They are here to help ensure that the discussions are kept friendly, productive, and on topic. They can edit a post or delete posts completely if need be. They can move an entire discussion to a different forum if the subject of that discussion is more suited to a different forum. Additionally, the moderators will be making spelling and grammar corrections in any posts that need these. They may lock a topic against further posts if the discussion has run its course. Admins and forum moderators reserve the right to close or delete any post that violates the policies at the Magic Café. If your post is edited (except for grammar and spelling) or deleted, You will receive a Private Message or email to explain why. If your topic is moved to another area, a notice to that effect and a link to the new location will appear at the former location of the moved topic. For your convenience, there is a special forum at the Magic Café where you may post any questions or suggestions you may have about the features of the message board.

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What are the ranks on The Magic Café forums?

The Magic Café forums have established methods to classify their users by activity through the number of posts.

The current ranks are as follows:

Rank Title	Minimum Posts	Maximum Posts

New user	0	100
Regular user	101	200
Loyal user	201	300
Veteran user	301	400
Elite user	401	500
Special user	501	1,000
Inner circle	1,001	10,000
Eternal Order	10,001	999,999

The Adminstrator also has the option of assigning special ranks to any user they choose. The above table does not list these special ranks.

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Absolute Topic Tracking System

Here at The Magic Café we have developed an absolute topic tracking system which uses the database instead of cookies. This system is cross-platform friendly, meaning you can visit the Café on your home computer and the topics you have read will still show as read on your mobile device, assuming no messages were posted in the interim. You may mark any individual forum as read, or you may mark all forums as read. "Mark All" buttons are shown below and to the right of the last forum or topic on the page. Those buttons will be displayed only if there are unread forums or topics. The cups are controlled by database data for all registered and logged-in members. Those who browse the Café without being logged in will fall back to the existing cookie-driven system. We believe this new system or marking topics a member has read will be much better than the old system run by cookies. Additionally, this system goes all the way down to the post level. A "NEW" icon will be displayed above and on the left of the posted message if the member has not displayed the message in his or her browser before. Once read, the "NEW" icon will not be shown on any subsequent views.

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Announcements

There is a forum near the top of the list where announcements will be posted for the Magic Café members. Additionally, the forum Administrator has the ability to send a generic Private Message or email to all the members.

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